

PROCLAMATION

BY THE

Governor of the State of Texas

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TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

June 17, 1981

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14 of the Constitution of Texas, I herewith veto House Bill 738 for the following reasons:

This bill started out to prevent ticket scalping at college athletic events. In the legislative process an amendment was placed on it to include professional athletic and entertainment events. As a result, several problems have arisen:


It is a Class B misdemeanor to sell a ticket for more than the price of the ticket at a college athletic event, but a Class C misdemeanor (because of the level of the fine) to do the same thing at a professional event.

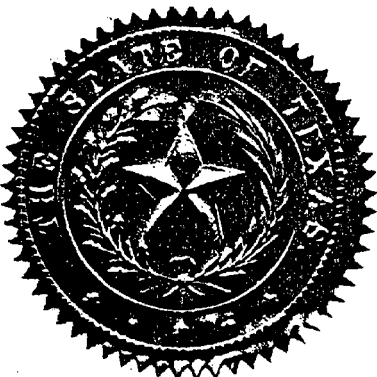
A real problem is that at professional events tickets can't be resold within 1,000 yards of the parking lot of the event, which is more than one-half mile away, while no such prohibition is there for college athletic events. People who have extra tickets at professional events who want to get rid of them would be out of luck.

Another inconsistency is that at college events both buyer and seller are guilty of an offense but at a professional event only the seller is guilty of an offense.

Laws should be consistent in their application, and because of the inconsistencies in this bill, I veto House Bill 738.

Respectfully,


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Governor



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